



YEMEN

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT



September 2016

A young girl in a pink and white patterned shirt and blue jeans sits amidst the rubble of a destroyed building. The background shows large concrete blocks and debris, with a red fire hose lying on the ground. The scene is one of devastation and displacement.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

- Since mid-March 2015, conflict in Yemen has spread to 21 of Yemen's 22 governorates prompting a large-scale protection crisis and compounding an already dire humanitarian crisis brought on by years of poverty, poor governance, conflict and ongoing instability.
- The total number of people in need of humanitarian assistance is 21.2 million – or 82 per cent of the population, including 9.9 million children.
- 6,787 people including 3,704 civilians have now been killed, and over 33,857 injured of whom 6,566 are civilians.
- Conflict had affected the lives of approximately 3.1 million internally displaced and returnees including 2.2 million who remain displaced throughout the country.
- 14.1 million people (%52 of population) are food insecure - including 7 million who are severely food insecure.
- More than 7.4 million children are in need of protection assistance.

- 19.4 million people lack clean water and sanitation, of whom 9.8 million lost access to water due to conflict.
- 24.3 million people (%90 of the population) lack access to electricity through the public grid.
- 600 Health facilities have been closed due to the conflict, leaving over 14.1 million people in need of basic healthcare – including 1.5 million children under the age of five who are acutely malnourished.
- Around 30 per cent (approx. 2.2 million) of school age children in Yemen do not have access to education. The conflict has forced at least 350,000 additional school-aged children out of school, adding to the 1.8 million school-aged children who were already out of school before the conflict. Although some schools have reopened, 1,000 remain closed due to insecurity, occupation by IDPs or use by armed groups. During most of the 16/2015 school year, UNICEF reported 1,600 school closures across the country.

Recent context developments

General Situation

- The conflict continued on the ground along the same lines as recent weeks, particularly in the contested areas of Nihm (Sana'a governorate), in Al-Jawf, Marib, on both sides of the Saudi border and in Taiz. A high rate of Saudi-led coalition airstrikes hit contested areas and other areas away from the front-lines. Sa'ada remained the most heavily bombed governorate, though near-daily strikes also hit Hodeida and the capital as well as the wider Sana'a governorate.
- In the south of the country, the security situation is still fragile. Security forces stepped-up efforts to counter armed groups however, attacks on the security forces continued in the southern governorates throughout the reporting period.
- Sana'a International Airport remains closed to commercial air traffic since the Saudi Led Coalition closed all airspace on the 8th of August.

Impact on Children

The ongoing conflict has had a devastating impact on children. According to UNICEF's latest Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism (MRM) figures, 1,188 children have been killed and over 1,796 wounded since the start of the conflict. There were over 1,210 verified cases of child recruitment and 209 cases of kidnap with children playing a more active role in combat and manning checkpoints including on front lines. The verified incidents are widely thought however to be just the "tip of the iceberg".

Revised YHRP 2016 Funding

The Revised 2016 Yemen Humanitarian Response Plan seeks 1.63\$ billion to reach 12.6 million people with a range of life saving and protection services across Yemen. These figures represent a 7 per cent decrease in the number of people targeted and 9.3 per cent decrease in financial requirements compared with the original YHRP. Humanitarian partners agree that the scale of needs in Yemen remains enormous, and these changes do not reflect improvements in the dire humanitarian situation. Instead, they are driven by the following factors:

- 1) Program consolidation as a result of funding shortages.
- 2) demonstrated performance to date.
- 3) More precise needs information.

In addition, they reflect improved beneficiary calculation methods in several clusters that more clearly distinguish direct beneficiaries from indirect beneficiaries.

The revised YHRP is only 41% funded at 673.1\$ million (OCHA Financial Tracking Service, 21 September 2016).

Health

- During this reporting period, we continued supporting 60 fixed health facilities and seven mobile health and nutrition teams in all areas of Yemen.
- In the last reporting period, 5,503 people (including nearly 2,970 children) were consulted and treated.
- 1,776 women were reached by reproductive health services during the last reporting period.



Nutrition

- During this reporting period, 1,250 children received nutrition services, including 397 children admitted for Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) treatment and 853 for Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) treatment.



Child Protection

- During this reporting period, 257 new children were registered to participate in Child Friendly Space (CFSs) activities. Since the start of the response, 42,103 children have participated in our CFS.
- 63 children were registered for child protection case management, bringing the total to 2,673 children since the start of the response.



Food Security & Livelihoods

- Selection of geographical areas completed and identification of beneficiaries was started under the DIFID cost extension project in the South area.



Water Sanitation & Hygiene

- 22,274 individuals, including 12,581 children, participated in WASH awareness sessions during this reporting period.

Nearly 353,406 individuals have participated in WASH awareness sessions to date.

- During this reporting period, we provided 4,956 people with daily safe water through our Water Trucking activities.



Education

- 172 children (90 boys & 82 girls) and 158 adults (90 men & 68 women) received Mine Risk Education awareness training in Aden.
- 212 children (102 boys & 110 girls) and 238 adults (150 men & 88 women) received Mine Risk Education awareness training in Lahj.
- The education team conducted a classroom management training for 123 teachers (41 males and 82 females) in the targeted schools in the south of the country.



Key beneficiary statistics



**Number of target
beneficiaries for
2016**

**Number of
beneficiaries
reached since
last Situation Report**

**Number of
beneficiaries
reached during 2016**

**Children
reached**

416,000

17,594

468,323

**All beneficiaries
reached**

800,000

30,089

817,731

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